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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****DEC 14 2004****PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	Brian J. Brown, Michael L. Davis
Application No.:	09/934178
Filed:	August 21, 2001
For:	Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent
Examiner:	Paul Prebilic
Group Art Unit:	3738

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket No.: S63.2N-5605-US05**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated **September 14, 2004**.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows: